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Dear Students

**RE: COVID-19 Update #7**

While we are all consumed with the daily media coverage of COVID-19 and not knowing when our current situation will end, it is a good time to reflect on the great start that you all had to the academic year and what we achieved together as a College.

It is also an opportunity reflect on the support you receive from the College and the confidence you are developing with your university studies online. I have admired many of our students who are assisting family members and giving back to the community. I am very pleased by the efforts of our students and how they access our academic support through online tutorials and our new academic mentor program for first year students.

If you are travelling home for the mid-semester break, prioritise the health and safety of yourself and others at all times. For those students who plan to return to College after the break, please ensure that follow the direction of the Queensland Chief Health Officer - <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers/home-confinement-movement-gathering-direction>

At all times, students must practise physical distancing guidelines and maintain all levels of safety as well as practise safe hygiene habits by regularly washing hands.

Students must not return to College if they are unwell or displaying COVID-19 symptoms. If this is the case, students must advise the College of their situation following medical advice.

All students may find useful information provided in our Frequently Asked Questions on our COVID-19 Updates webpage - [https://www.womens.uq.edu.au/covid\\_19\\_updates/](https://www.womens.uq.edu.au/covid_19_updates/)

On return to College, students must complete the 'Return to College' (during COVID-19) form on the Student Portal, then collect their key in person at reception and sign-in.

For students wishing to return from interstate, it is important that you follow Queensland Health's direction - <https://www.qld.gov.au/about/newsroom/queensland-border-restrictions> - in addition to the College's requirements outlined above.

After taking into consideration all the factors surrounding the uncertainty of the coronavirus, the College Council should reach a decision regarding fees at their meeting at the end of this week. Information will be provided after Easter.

I extend our best wishes to you and your family for Easter.

Kind regards

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Head of College & CEO